

Docket No. 218162US0X



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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mechthild RIEPING et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/076,416

FILED: February 19, 2002

FOR: PROCESS FOR THE FERMENTATIVE PREPARATION OF L-AMINO ACIDS USING STRAINS OF THE ENTEROBACTERIACEA FAMILY

### REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a **one** month extension of time be granted to **July 3, 2002** for

- filing a response to the Official Action dated:
- responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated: April 3, 2002
- filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
- filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of **\$110.00** is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. **15-0030**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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